

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph located on page 1, beginning with “The material which is pressure-conditioned...” with the following paragraph:

The material which is pressure-conditioned in accordance with the invention can on the one hand be a tobacco material, in particular tobacco stem material, or on the other hand a granular food commodity such as for example cereals and legumes, i.e. amylaceous products such as for example maize, rice, wheat, ~~pees~~ peas and soy beans.